Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee State of Louisiana

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Network Coordination Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) users are able to access statewide interoperability talkgroups, as defined in Section II, during emergency and day to day operations.

II. Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups

DESIGNATOR	USE
*STATE-1	DEDICATED STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*STATE-2	DEDICATED STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*STATE-3	DEDICATED STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*STATE-4	DEDICATED STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-1	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-2	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-3	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-4	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-5	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-6	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-7	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-8	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-9	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY
*INTEROP-10	LOCAL/STATE AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY

For the purpose of this policy, statewide interoperability talkgroups are identified in the following table:

III. Management

In order to maintain talkgroup availability for emergency situations without restricting access to day to day and training use, statewide interoperability talkgroup use will be coordinated through Emergency Support Function 2 (ESF-2). ESF-2 will work through the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Radio Communications Section, serving as the LWIN Network Control Center (NCC) to coordinate requests for the use of statewide interoperability talkgroups. Except as designated in Section II, statewide interoperability talkgroups belong to all LWIN users equally, and no agency, state or local, has standing over another agency to their use. Therefore, requests for statewide interoperability talkgroups will be handled in the following manner.

A. Normal Requests

Normal requests for day to day operations and training use will be granted on a "first come first served" basis.

B. Priority Requests

Search and rescue and lifesaving operations will be granted priority over all other uses.

Requests supporting large scale special events such as rallies, sporting events, and parades will be given a priority over normal requests. Such requests should be accompanied by an Incident Command Structure (ICS) form 205, Incident Communications Plan, no later than 48 hours in advance of scheduled events.

IV. Request Procedures

There are three ways of requesting statewide interoperability talkgroups. They are, in order of precedence:

A. WebEOC

Requests for talkgroups will be made through WebEOC.

B. Written

If an agency does not have access to WebEOC, the agency will fill out an ICS Form 205 and send it to the NCC via mail, fax, or e-mail. A sample and a blank ICS Form 205 are attached as Appendix A.

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C. Verbal

If time does not permit a WebEOC or written request, the agency can contact ESF-2 or the NCC via phone or LWIN.

Contact information is provided on the LWIN Website, http://gohsep.la.gov/SIEC

V. Conflict resolution

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Executive Committee will be the final arbiter of any talkgroup use disputes.

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